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SUBJECT: CARAMANLIS CONFIDENT ON EC MEMBERSHIP

1. UPON HIS RETURN APRIL 6 FROM HIS VISITS TO COPENHAGEN, LUXEMBOURG, THE HAGUE, AND ROME, PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS STATED TO THE PRESS THAT THERE IS NOW "NOT MERELY HOPE, BUT ACTUAL CERTAINTY THAT IN TWO YEARS GREECE WILL BE THE TENTH MEMBER OF THE EEC." CARAMANLIS SAID "THE BASIC AIM OF THE TRIP WAS TO SPEED UP GREECE'S ADMISSION TO A UNITED EUROPE." HE ALSO SAID HE HAD BRIEFED HIS INTERLOCUTORS "ON OTHER ISSUES OF INTEREST TO GREECE, MAINLY THE DIFFICULTIES WITH TURKEY AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CYPRUS QUESTION." HE ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED "ALL HAD TO AGREE THAT GREECE'S ATTITUDE WAS RIGHT, JUST, AND HONORABLE."

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2. THIS EIGHT-DAY TRIP, THE SECOND SUCH TOUR THIS YEAR, CONCLUDES VISITS BY CARAMANLIS TO ALL EC CAPITALS, EXCEPT DUBLIN, TO PROMOTE EARLY CONCLUSION OF GREECE'S NEGOTIATIONS TO ENTER THE EC. THE GREEK MEDIA GAVE FULL AND DETAILED COVERAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S ACTIVITIES DURING HIS VISITS TO DENMARK, LUXEMBOURG, THE NETHERLANDS, AND ITALY, AS THEY HAD EARLIER IN THE CASE OF THE VISITS TO THE UK, BELGIUM, FRANCE, AND THE FRG.

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